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BONITA FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT REACHES MILESTONE

\$5.9 Million Central Avenue Work Now Half Done

Construction on the \$5.9 million Central Avenue Flood Control Improvement Project in **Bonita** is now more than 50 percent complete. The County has been working on flood control improvements between Dawsonia Street and Belle Bonnie Brae Road, scheduled for completion in Fall 2007.

The project features addition of a three-chamber reinforced concrete box culvert to allow Central Avenue to sustain the amount of water that flows through the channel during the rainy season. Although construction on the reinforced concrete box culvert is still in progress, water was successfully diverted into the newly constructed segment of the structure.

In addition, the project includes a 1,000 foot floodwall on the north side of the channel and a 200 foot-long floodwall on the south side of the channel, as well as fiber matting and plantable concrete cells. Improvements are designed to carry a 100-year storm event, which is a storm so large it is only expected to occur every 100 years.

Funding is provided by the County of San Diego and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Errecas Inc., the contractor, generally works Monday through Friday from 7 am to dusk or 7 pm, whichever is earlier. During construction, Central Avenue remains open to traffic at all times, although the roadway may be shifted to accommodate the construction area. If needed, traffic control may be in effect between the hours of 8:30 am and 2:30 pm.

During construction, the County's Department of Public Works provides a bi-weekly newsletter tracking the project's progress and also a project hotline for construction information. Please call:

1-888-ROAD-WRK (1-888-762-3975) to be added to the newsletter distribution list or to address project-related questions and concerns.

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